

Cheryl Jones

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Property and Estates

Cheryl's property and private client practice encompasses trusts of land and proprietary estoppel, as well as boundary disputes. She has an extensive knowledge of and practice in probate and trusts issues and has dealt with a number of cases involving disputes over burial arrangements.

Cheryl sits in the High Court as a Deputy Insolvency and Companies Court judge, dealing with high value bankruptcies, , as a and as a Specialist Chancery, Civil and Criminal Recorder. She is also a trained mediator.

Speaking

With a background in lecturing at Westminster University, Cheryl welcomes any opportunity to give talks in all the areas in which she practices. She aims to give clear, precise and uncomplicated talks that are of long term practical use to solicitors, barristers and anyone with an interest in the subject.

Her more recent interesting cases include:

- Agarwala v Agarwala [2016] EWCA Civ 1251; [2017] 1P&CR DG17 - relating to the date from which a trustee in breach of her trust was no longer acting unlawfully; calculations of equitable damages by a trustee and other associated issues
- In re Castrillon (High Court) (2016) with elements of Colombian law, alleged undue influence and fraud. Settled by way of mediation to client's satisfaction
- In re Freud (High Court) (2016), on an intestacy where a brother and sister could not agree the burial arrangements for their deceased mother or the subsequent disposition of the estate
- In re Kramer (High Court) (2016), a claim by personal representatives for declarations under the Trusts of Land & Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 in conflict with previous decisions of a religious court and need for accounting from executor de son tort.
- Blackburn v Southwell [2014] EWCA Civ 1247 [2015] 2 FLR 1240 - representing a co-habitee claiming estoppel against her former partner
- Christou (Pittas v Christou) [2014] EWHC 79 (Ch) - acting for the executor in highly contested claim, subsequently advising on the retention of costs from the Defendant's inheritance after the Defendant's bankruptcy
- Gabitass v Watkins (High Court) (2014), successfully resisting a claim by a stepson for provision from an estate on the grounds that he did not come within the act.
- In re Agarwala (2014), successfully setting aside two wills on the grounds of forgery and entering Indian will to probate against allegations of malpractice and fraud from the unsuccessful brothers.
- Duncan v Duncan [2013] EWCA Civ 1407 - appeal against a finding of conflict of interest in relation to a barrister acting for one party against a party he had previously represented.

- Agarwala v Agarwala [2013] EWCA Civ 1763 - appeal in respect of a beneficial interest in a commercial property.
- In Re Sanussi - consideration of the laws of intestacy where the deceased had multiple legal wives in Nigeria but had English property to be divided.
- Many other cases involving advising and bringing claims for undue influence, want of knowledge and approval or incapacity; Inheritance (Provision for Family & Dependants) Act 1975; to remove executors/personal representatives; property claims by executors/personal representatives.

Cheryl believes that strenuous efforts should be made in all cases to settle matters without the need for a trial, and many of her cases do settle at mediation, but she is a fearless advocate for her client when it is clear that no sensible settlement can be reached.

Although Cheryl is officially located in the London Office of 3PB, and is particularly well placed to accept instructions in London, she also accepts instructions throughout the Midlands, South East and in Bristol. She is computer literate, providing swift and lucid advices by email if so desired.

Articles

This article looks at the case of Re MacDougall [2026] EWHC 1142 (Ch). The court considered six main legal issues about making a will, as well as a separate issue called ademption. Five of the issues involved well-established legal rules, including mental capacity, understanding and approving a will, undue influence and the duties of attorneys. The sixth issue was less certain and is the main focus of this article: can a will be rescinded on the grounds of a mistake?

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3PB expert commercial, costs and property law barrister Cheryl Jones and pupil barrister Jack Felvus have written on the relevance of Part 36 offers in the legal costs arising from probate litigation.

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Recommendations

Cheryl Jones of 3PB Barristers has a strong chancery practice. She is extremely knowledgeable on a range of issues including property cases, shareholder and partnership matters and will and probate disputes.

Strengths: "Cheryl Jones is very robust, really good with the clients and she's really strong on the law."
"Cheryl is very reliable and responsive, clients like her and she is very good in mediations and her written work is exemplary."
Chambers 2025/Chancery/Leading Junior/Western Bar

'Cheryl is clear and decisive. She is good at providing case-law support.'
Legal 500 2025/Private Client: Trusts and Probate/Leading Junior/London Bar

'Cheryl is an excellent advocate whose attention to detail is always enduring. She has a systematic and inquiring mind and strong interpersonal skills.'
Legal 500 2025/Chancery, Probate and Tax/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit

'Cheryl is an excellent advocate, helping the judge to see things from her client's point of view and a fierce cross-examiner. She leaves no stone unturned in the interests of her client.'
Legal 500 2024/Private Client: Trusts and Probate/Leading Junior/London Bar

'Cheryl is, quite simply, a class act. She prepares meticulously and is absolutely on top of the case when she appears in court. Her cross-examination is incisive and her analysis of the law and facts in her submissions is excellent.'
Legal 500 2024/Chancery, Probate and Tax/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit

'An expert in the field. She has a planet-sized intellect and is very supportive and approachable.'

Legal 500 2023/Chancery, Probate and Tax/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit

'Cheryl has in-depth knowledge of the law pertaining to trusts and probate matters. She is very dedicated and goes the extra mile to achieve the desired result. Responsive, decisive and client-friendly.'
Legal 500 2022/Chancery, Probate and Tax/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit

"Cheryl Jones at 3PB remains active in Chancery work, with a particular focus on wills, trusts, and probate matters, with recent instructions concerning the removal of executors, and contested letters of administration, as well as time-sensitive matters such as urgent freezing injunctions against estate administrators."
'Her legal knowledge and approachable style allow her to provide excellent service, particularly to direct access clients.'
Legal 500 2021/Chancery, Probate and Tax/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit

'An excellent Chancery junior.'
Cheryl Jones at 3PB specialises in Chancery work, and is recommended for her 'dedication and commitment'.
Legal 500 2020/Commercial, banking, insolvency and Chancery law/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit

Academic qualifications

First Class degree (Law) from Lancaster University

Professional qualifications & appointments

- Deputy Insolvency & Companies Court Judge
- Recorder

Professional bodies

- Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Member of the Chancery Bar Association
- Member of the Property Bar Association